M.B.B.S. doctors under the Central Health Service. Further, the method of recruitment of I.S.M./Homoeopathe degree physicians should be brought on the Central Health Service pattern. The matter is under consideration of the Government. No definite date for the issue of notification can be given at this stage as the matter requires examination by different Ministries.

Installation of Mechnical unloading at Chochin Port

3758. SHRI T.K.C. VADUTHALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mechanical unloader on trial has been installed in Q. 10 Cochin Port Trust for unloading Cargo F.A.C.T. Cochin and if so, whether the mechanisation would result in deployment of manual labour;

(b) whether Government have assessed the loss of levy and loss of wages to the labourers due to the mechanisation and, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide alternative employment to those who are likely to be thrown out of employment due to the new proposal; and

(d) what is the total investment for the installation of unloader and consequent savings to F.A.C.T.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The mechanical unloader has been installed at Q 10 for unloading FACT cargo at Cochin. Its trial runs commenced from November 1986 and deployment of manual labour is not involved.

(b) Loss of levy to the Cochin DLB on account of commissioning of mechancial unloader is estimated to be Rs. 51.58 lakhs per annum, on the basis of imports made by M/s F.A.C.T. through Cochin in 1986. The total amount of wages paid to the workers engaged in this work through the Dock Labour Board during the year 1986 amounted to Rs. 30.48 lakhs.

(c) No person on the rolls of the Cochin Port Trust or Cochin Dock Labour Board will be out of employment as a result of the operation of the mechanical unloader. However, casual workers, who are being occasionally employed will no longer be required. There will be under-employment of some stevedore dock workers of Cochin DLB. However on 28-7-1987, a settlement was reached between the Dock Labour Board and the Labour Unions of Cochin for payment of compensation to the concerned workmen.

(d) A total amount of Rs. 7.5 crore has been invested by FACT for installing the ship unloader at Cochin. This resultant saving to FACT will be in the form of wages to the labour, levy to the DLB, wages to other categories of non-DLB-labour, saving demurrage and gain by way of despatch money.

Shoranur Railway Junction

3759. SHRI T.K.C. VADUTHALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the railway authorities that a dharna was observed by over 500 people before the Shornurganj (Shoranur) railway junction protesting against the neglect of the station by the railway authorities;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) About 140 people participated in a Dharna in front of Shoranur Junction Station on 21-5-87 but this was not